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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer

TITLE : A Further Method of Creating and Rapidly  
Searching a Virtual Library of Potential Molecules  
Using Validated Molecular Structural Descriptors

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TO: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time from February 25, 2004 to May 25, 2004 to file a response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period of three months. A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the three month extension fee is attached.

May 25, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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